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In re Application of

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Shigenobu MAEDA, et al.

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REGION (As Amended)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Final Office Action dated April 10, 2003, now due to expire July 10, 2003, be extended for two (2) months and set to expire on September 10, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of \$410.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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